Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't quite follow the Member.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I mean the 5 years' plan in Russia.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information about the current politics of Russia. I was just referring to the possibilities of this State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you get some information and answer it in the next session?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not in contact with foreign officers and I do not think it possible to collect this information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you be in touch next time?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Constitutionally and politically I think I cannot claim this privilege of dealing with foreign States.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can't the Government Member get some information from some authority about Russia?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot collect any information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(d). Am I to understand that Government have to bow down to any kind of silly public opinion?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government does not bow to silly public opinion. It bows only to public opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(e) Who has said the last word?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The last word has not been said; that is my information since that time has not come for it.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that the last word is not said on the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is again a matter of opinion and I can't venture anything more on that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it any factor at all in the creation of the Dictatorship?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Absolutely no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly get some information?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is a matter of opinion. I cannot express anything more.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, did I ask opinion or information?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Any information which I can furnish to him will be in the form of opinion and, therefore, it was not thought worthwhile.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—All opinions are information?

Deputy President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Action against Motor Boats—Public Relief Company.

262. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number and nature of adverse actions taken

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and notices for explanation issued against the Motor boats of the Public Relief Company ever since some interested in the concern invited the special attention of the Diwan to an article in 'Aikyam' bearing on some of the irregularities in the working of the Canal Department ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One.

Fined Rs. 5 on Dhanu 29, 1105, for overload in boat Majedia.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know who made the report about the misbehaviour of 'Majedia' in overloading?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Assistant Engineer.

Extensions to Officers.

263. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of officers to whom extensions of services were granted after the advent of the present Diwan ;

(2) the reasons for granting such extensions in each of the above cases ;

(3) the number of times and the periods for which these extensions were given and how many days prior to the expiry of the original periods were they so given ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Vide the statement appended. (*Appendix XXI*).

Extension—Maharaja's College.

264. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the plan of buildings proposed to be constructed for the extension of the Maharaja's College at Ernakulam satisfy the demands made by the Professors in regard to their respective subjects ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes ; subject to some very slight modifications, the requisitions of the different Professors of instruction have been fully satisfied.

Principal's visit to Madras.

265. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many times the Principal of the Maharaja's College went to Madras in this academic year in connection with the admission of the students into the College ;

(2) the amount of the travelling allowance drawn by him;

(3) the amount of T. A. provided for the College in this year.

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